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NEW YORK (AP) -- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SUE FORMER CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM E. COLBY FOR PUBLISHING HIS 1978 MEMOIR, "HONORABLE MEN," BEFORE CLEARING ALL EDITIONS WITH HIS FORMER EMPLOYER, NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE REPORTED SUNDAY.

THE MAGAZINE SAID IN ITS CURRENT EDITION THAT THE SUIT WAS THE REGAN ADMINISTRATION'S LATEST EFFORT IN STOPPING LEAKS OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION AND SHOW THAT IT WILL NOT TOLERATE BREACHES IN THE LEGAL CONTRACTS OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS THE UNAUTHORIZED DISSEMINATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION BY BOTH FORMER AND PRESENT EMPLOYEES.

IT ALSO SHOWS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO PLUG LEAKS WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO ONLY THE "LITTLE FISH," THE MAGAZINE SAID, QUOTING AN UNNAMED SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL.

THE ALLEGED SECURITY BREACH OCCURRED WHEN GALLEY PROOFS OF COLBY'S BOOK REACHED A FRENCH PUBLISHER BEFORE THE CIA EXAMINED IT.

THE GALLEY CONTAINED SENSITIVE MATERIAL THAT REVEALED THAT THE CIA SPYSHIP, GLOMAR EXPLORER, HAD FAILED TO RECOVER NUCLEAR MISSILES, STEERING AND TRANSMISSION DEVICES AND CODES FROM A SOVIET SUBMARINE THREE MILES BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

CITING GOVERNMENT SOURCES, THE MAGAZINE SAID COLBY AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL MOST LIKELY REACH A CONSENT AGREEMENT WITH THE FORMER DIRECTOR AGREEING TO TURN OVER SOME OF HIS BOOK PROFITS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE MAGAZINE ALSO SAID THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ORDERED INVESTIGATIONS OF SEVERAL POSSIBLE NATIONAL SECURITY LEAKS. THEY INCLUDE THE DISAPPEARANCE OF STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY PAPERS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE REMOVAL OF MX-MISSILE STUDIES FROM THE PENTAGON AND THE ACQUISITION OF POSITION PAPERS ON PAKISTAN BY AN NBC REPORTER.

NEWSWEEK ALSO SAID CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM J. CASEY HAS ASKED THE FBI TO CONDUCT AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION INTO CIA LEAKS. TOP OFFICIALS AT THE BUREAU, HOWEVER, HAVE REJECTED THE IDEA BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THE FBI SHOULD BE WORKING FOR THE AGENCY, NEWSWEEK SAID.

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